

The Cove Column

City Manager's Message

The first quarter of the calendar year/second quarter of the fiscal year is always a very busy time for the City of Copperas Cove. The City began the New Year with the Council adoption of a Strategic Plan and concluded with the Council acceptance and approval of the FY 2011 Comprehensive Financial Audit Report. The audit received an "unqualified opinion" by the independent audit firm, Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP. An "unqualified opinion" is the best opinion a

municipality can receive for an audit. Quality of life events occurring during this quarter included Polar Bear Swim, Fishin' in the Park and the Easter Eggstravaganza. The City is pleased to provide these events and appreciate the citizen participation. Many thanks to the Copperas Cove employees that work hard to make these events a huge success!

The City is also pleased to recognize City Employees during the Council Meetings for their dedicated service to this community.

With the FY 2013 Budget Workshops scheduled for July and August, I would like to remind citizens of the right granted by Council for citizens to take part in the governance of this great community.



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City Council Annual Retreat

On March 19, 2012 the City Council hosted the annual Council Retreat. This workshop allows the Council to hear from Division and Departments Heads on items concerning the future of Copperas Cove. The session is open to the public and is an excellent opportunity for citizens to get information about upcoming projects and expenditures. The agenda included items concerning the City website, Solid Waste brush collection, Fire Department organizational structure and project update. Other items discussed were alternate work schedules, Mobile Data Terminals for the Fire and Police Departments, as well as a presentation on easements and right of way.

All meetings of the City Council are open to the public and citizens are encouraged to attend. Monthly meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month and are in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 507. S. Main St. Regular meetings begin at 6 pm and workshop meetings begin at 5 pm.

For more information please go to www.copperascovetx.gov

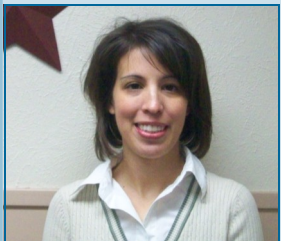
Employees Of the Quarter



Howard Dixon
Animal Control



Donald Denniston
Health Inspector



Angie
McConaughay,
Community
Outreach



Daniel Hawbecker
Water Distribution

2012 Fishin' in the Park

On February 11, 2012 the Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Fishin' in the Park. This year over 100 kids registered for the contest with around 350 citizens in attendance. The pond was stocked with 1200 trout prior to the event. The Copperas Cove Bass Club was on hand to teach fishing skills as well as running the measurement table for those tuning in fish for the contest.



Pictured to the left & right are kids who enjoyed this years Fishin' in the Park. Prizes were given in several age divisions.



Easter Eggstravaganza



Hundreds of kids from 2 months to 12 years turned out for this years Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone enjoyed the hunt and had a chance to see the Easter Bunny and McGruff the Crime Dog. Prizes were given out for 3 age groups.

Remembering Jorge Oliveras

On December 20, 2011, the City of Copperas Cove lost a dedicated employee suddenly. Jorge Oliveras was respected by his colleagues and the citizens of Copperas Cove for his continued care and concern for the animals under the care of the Copperas Cove Animal Shelter. For the past three years, Jorge actively searched to identify loving homes for the animals, to include developing a partnership with the many animal rescue organizations to complete the transfer of animals to those specialized organizations. Our sympathies go out to his entire family, including his wife, Maria and daughters Amber and Alexis.



Employee Service Awards



Mike Heintzelman
Police Dept
30 Years



Jeff Stoddard
Police Dept
20 Years



Michael King
Fleet Dept
20 Years



Cheryl Forrester
Police Dept
15 Years



Carla Polidoro
Fire Dept
15 Years



Georgette Hurt
Police Dept
15 Years



Thomas Haire
Water Installation
15 Years



Tom Camacho
Composting
15 Years



Tanja Martin
Fire Dept
10 Years



Mike Morton
Building Dept
10 Years



Gregory Higgins
Utilities
10 Years



Gene Williams
Parks Dept
5 Years



Brian Bobe
Police Dept
5 Years



Randall Hermes
Solid Waste
5 Years



Carlos Mariduena
Fire Dept
5 Years



Janet McClain
Police Dept
5 Years



Alan Mainville
Fire Dept
5 Years

Many thanks to these dedicated Employees



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Retirees

Hubert Hillin,
Wastewater,
October 2011

Paul Rhone,
Wastewater,
October 2011

Richard Buttshaw,
Solid Waste-Disposal,
January 2012



City Council Adopts Strategic Plan

The strategic plan, adopted by the City Council on January 3, 2012, includes the **Vision Statement** "Copperas Cove is a military friendly and environmentally sensitive community with a high quality of life in a safe environment where people genuinely care about the city", the **Mission Statement** "the City of Copperas Cove is to provide excellent public services using revenues effectively to meet the needs of a diverse community."

The plan includes the following strategic initiatives:

- ◆ Maintain financial strength of the City
- ◆ Get the City message out
- ◆ Develop a sustainable community
- ◆ Strengthen future planning
- ◆ Attract, retain and motivate qualified staff
- ◆ Improve the image of the city

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Parks and Leisure Services News

Youth Advisory
Committee
Next Meeting
May 7th @ 5:45 PM
Library Meeting Room



Pool Party
Now taking
reservations for
Summer 2012
254-542-2719

Opening Ceremony

On April 14, 2012 The Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Opening Day Ceremony to kick off the 2012 Baseball/Softball season.

The ceremony was held on
Field 1 @ 10 AM



Mayor Pro Tem
Frank Seffrood &
City Manager
Andrea Gardner
were present to throw out
the first pitch and catch.

Upcoming Sports

Adult Softball
Registration
5/7-5/27, 2012
\$300.00 per team

Youth Soccer
Registration
5/7-6/22, 2012
\$40.00 per player

Tackle Football
Registration
7/2-7/29, 2012
Early Registration
In May
\$85.00 per player